

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING TOM LAMAR ON
20 YEARS OF SERVICE THROUGH
THE PALOUSE CLEARWATER EN-
VIRONMENTAL INSTITUTE

HON. WALT MINNICK

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

Mr. MINNICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Tom Lamar, a resident of Moscow, Idaho, on his 20th anniversary as Executive Director of the Palouse Clearwater Environmental Institute (PCEI). Tom has built this organization from a small environmental group to an important element of the Palouse community. On June 16, 1990, Tom's first day of work, PCEI had a \$30,000 budget and a one-room office rental in the Moscow Hotel. Today, PCEI has a \$1.4 million budget, 14 full-time staff, and a 12-acre home with two buildings for office space. Currently, PCEI now boasts over 1,000 members in Idaho and many other states.

PCEI undertakes numerous environmentally themed restoration, education and outreach programs throughout Idaho and eastern Washington. From planting trees and utilizing solar powered panels to teaching children about owls and placing AmeriCorps members throughout Idaho and eastern Washington, PCEI has emerged as a premier environmental organization for the region.

Tom began work at PCEI by cleaning up the local creek. In 1996 PCEI began watershed restoration projects and have since completed 56 watershed restoration projects in the region.

Tom has helped to run the McCall Outdoor Science School (Idaho's only residential Science Camp) established in 2001. It has since taught 14,000 students in hands-on scientific discovery. Today, the work of PCEI reaches over 2,500 students a year.

Tom helped create PCEI's AmeriCorps Placement Office in 2004, over 100 AmeriCorps members are placed across the state annually. In 2009, the year Tom was honored by being named Environmental Leader of the Year, PCEI volunteers contributed nearly 19,000 hours of environmental service to the region.

Tom has helped to develop other community organizations including the Western Sustainable Agriculture Working Group, Palouse Land Trust, Rural Roots, Idaho Smart Growth, Village Bicycle Project, and Backyard Harvest. Tom serves on the steering committee of the Idaho Environmental Summit, and on the board of the Latah Trail Foundation. He also serves on the Moscow City Council.

I had the honor to visit PCEI recently and can attest to the great things they are doing and the positive impact that Tom and the dedicated PCEI staff and volunteers are making each and every day. Tom's work and leadership sets an important example of environmental commitment and community service that I encourage others to follow.

Congratulations Tom.

REMEMBERING JOSHUA FUESTON

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Madam Speaker, nearly one year ago Joshua Fueston, a 19-year-old Army soldier from Bellingham, Washington, committed suicide in Washington, DC. Joshua was at Walter Reed Army Medical Center receiving treatment for physical wounds suffered in Iraq, but he was also suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, PTSD.

In honor of his life and service, I request that the following poem, penned by Albert Caswell, be placed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

THE SCARS OF WAR

(By Albert Caswell)

As when our fine sons and daughters go off to war . . .
Much heartache, and such great burdens bore!
As some come home all encased in wood, all but for the greater good!
While, others come home without arms and legs . . . as do they!
Ones without eyes, and faces . . . with burns upon their bodies as placed this . . .
Touching all hearts, in so many ways . . . as it's for them we now so pray . . .
But, some scars are not so easily seen . . .
But found deep down inside most heroic hearts, convened!
Are but found Those Scars of War, not so easily seen!
The kind that, in the middle of the dark night make them so awake . . .
All in cold sweats, as upon all of their fine souls such heartache is placed . . .
All in their most sleepless sleeps, now carried in their souls so very deep . . .
As each day these scenes from hell they pray not repeat, as its for them we weep!
For War is Hell, and Hell is War!
For their battles do not end, when they reach their home shores again!
As from the outside, they look so strong and secure . . .
While, deep down inside . . . in all of them, the battle builds all the more . . .
Destroying even the bravest, and the strongest of all hearts for sure!
As upon their fine hearts and souls, but lie these most dreadful scars of war!
As P.T.S.D., is but the silent killer . . . that we all should so look for!
Because, while some die on battlefields of honor bright . . .
And then others, come home all in anguish . . . to fight this fight!
And sadly, without help . . . many will but live their last and final nights!
As they must fight their own private wars, never ending both day and night . . .
As this darkness upon them so lies, as they so try and try!
With tears in eyes!
As another Hero died this day!
Take a look around you, I say . . .
A Hero stands beside you, with tears of heartache upon their souls which lay!

All in their quiet suffering, we must somehow so hear their pain!

For some things are not so clearly seen!
But, lie so deep down so inside this pain . . .
Remember, under the surface but lie all of their most dreadful dreams . . .

Such things that Heroes dare not repeat!
Now, carried all in their fine hearts, so very deep!

For ever vigilant, as we must keep!
For all of our Sons and Daughters, who deep down inside their fine hearts!

The Scars of War, they so keep!
P.T.S.D. a silent enemy . . .

PROSECUTION OF CITIZENS
VIDEOTAPING POLICE IN THE
LINE OF DUTY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to discuss a phenomenon that is occurring throughout this country.

Various states and municipalities are using state wiretapping statutes and other local laws to prosecute individuals who photograph or videotape officers in the line of duty. According to a recent Washington Post article, Mark Graber, a 25 year old staff sergeant for the Maryland Air National Guard, was arrested for taping an encounter with a state trooper who gave him a ticket for going 80 in a 65 mph zone. Graber accepted his ticket, which he says he deserved. Graber was not indicted by a grand jury for speeding; instead his crime was videotaping and showing his encounter on YouTube. Mr. Graber was charged with violating Maryland's wiretapping statute.

In Tennessee, Scott Conover was arrested for unlawful photography when he snapped a picture of a Johnson County sheriff's deputy during a traffic stop.

In the state of Washington, an amateur photographer Bogdan Mohora was arrested for photographing two police officers arresting a suspect.

Authorities contend that wiretapping laws are being violated by individuals who videotape or photograph police on-duty. These officials base their argument on a notion that police have a reasonable expectation of privacy while conducting their work in public.

Our police officers play a vital role in maintaining the quality of life in communities across the country. I feel we should not do anything to diminish their role in society or their effectiveness in fighting crime and preventing terrorist acts. As a member of the victims right caucus here in Congress, I want to make sure our police officers are equipped and feel supported, so they can make sure there are less victims of crime in this country. However, while I do support our law enforcement officials, I do not think that they have a right to

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privacy while performing their duties in public. As a result of my view, I do not believe that prosecuting citizens for exercising a constitutionally protected right is a proper use of the justice system.

I ask for your support of H. Con. Res. 298 to bring awareness to this startling abuse of power and waste of taxpayer dollars.

DELAYING EPA FISHING BOAT DISCHARGE RULES

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to speak in support of H.R. 5301. H.R. 5301, proposed by my colleague, the gentleman from New Jersey, Mr. LOBIONDO, consists of two titles.

Title I of H.R. 5301 is an extension of an already existing moratorium. The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure recently passed this bill out of Committee with no amendments and no objections. This extension is necessary because the Environmental Protection Agency, EPA, recently completed a study that indicates that discharges from vessels under 79 feet in length are not benign. However, the EPA needs additional time to set appropriate Clean Water Act requirements to protect the nation's waters from these types of discharges.

This legislation would extend the current moratorium until December 18, 2013, giving EPA the opportunity to include these vessels in the next round of permitting under the EPA Vessel General Permit.

I would like to point out to my colleagues that this Chamber has already passed this same language earlier this Congress, in H.R. 3619, the "Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010."

The second title of this legislation is the "Clean Estuaries Act of 2010," which reauthorizes the National Estuary Program. This Chamber successfully passed this legislation 278–128 in April of this year, with support from both sides of the aisle.

Estuaries are unique environments that are extremely productive in terms of their ecosystem values. The ecological productivity of estuaries translates directly into important economic output in terms of commercial fishing and recreational fishing.

The Clean Estuaries Act of 2010 will give these regions the resources and means to effectively manage watersheds and protect estuaries. At the same time, the legislation does an excellent job of including all levels of government and all types of stakeholders.

This legislation increases the authorization for appropriations; allows for increased and improved federal coordination; increases accountability; and, includes some necessary programmatic changes.

The National Estuary Program needs an increase in authorized appropriation levels in order to provide more resources to on-the-ground stakeholders and to enable more communities and estuaries to join the Program.

I ask all members of this Chamber to once again join me in supporting communities and estuaries through the passage of this bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Madam Speaker, on the evening of Tuesday, July 20, 2010, I was absent from the House and missed rollcall votes 451 through 453.

Had I been present for rollcall 451, on a motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1491, Congratulating the University of South Carolina Gamecocks on winning the 2010 NCAA Division I College World Series, I would have voted "Aye."

Had I been present for rollcall 452, on a motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 5604, the Surface Transportation Savings Act of 2010, I would have voted "Aye."

Had I been present for rollcall 453, on a motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1516, Recognizing the 65th Anniversary of the end of World War II, honoring the service members who fought in World War II and their families, and honoring the servicemembers who are currently serving in combat operations, I would have voted "Aye."

IN HONOR OF U.S. ARMY SPECIALIST ROGER LEE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to mourn the loss of a soldier constituent, U.S. Army Specialist Roger Lee, 26, of Monterey, California. He was a brave soldier who fought valiantly for our freedom. More importantly, he was a proud father, a loyal husband, a caring brother, and a devoted son.

Roger Lee was born and raised in Monterey, California. He came from a loving family that followed the American Dream by starting a family-owned business on California's Central Coast. Roger graduated from Monterey High School and later went to the Arizona Automotive Institute in Glendale, Arizona where he met his wife, Elvina Lee.

In 2005, Roger and Elvina Lee celebrated the birth of their daughter Jazmyne Lee. Shortly after, in 2007, Roger made the decision to enlist in the United States Army, both to fulfill his lifelong goal of serving our country and to build a better life for his wife and daughter. Specialist Lee served in United States Army 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment based in Hohenfels, Germany.

On July 6, 2010, insurgents attacked Specialist Lee's vehicle near Qalat, Afghanistan, with an improvised explosive device. He ultimately perished from the wounds inflicted by that attack. For his actions and service to our country, Roger was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

Madam Speaker, I know that I speak for the whole House in offering our deepest sympathies to Specialist Lee's family and friends. Our nation extends its deepest gratitude for Specialist Lee's service to the United States of America.

HONORING THE WORK OF DR. CHRISTOPH THOMAS OF OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. KURT SCHRADER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

Mr. SCHRADER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Dr. Christoph Thomas, one of my constituents and an Oregon State University atmospheric scientist who has received a National Science Foundation "Career Award" which is designed to support emerging influential scholars and educators who will become 21st century leaders.

During the next five years, Dr. Thomas will be receiving funding from the NSF to support his research on the relationship between plant canopies—such as forests and crops—and the lower atmosphere. The air exchange between these environments plays an important role in the transport of heat, moisture, momentum and trace gases, but they are poorly understood. Dr. Thomas will work with graduate students at Oregon State University, an Oregon K–12 high school teacher, and several colleagues on the studies. The project will include a teaching component, site visits by science classes, and a new graduate-level field course for students in atmospheric sciences, forestry, engineering and agricultural sciences.

Madam Speaker, this research will create better models of air transport that will lead to better large-scale weather and climate models, reducing uncertainty in projections of carbon and energy budgets while improving the ability to predict water availability in forests. I am proud to represent Dr. Christoph Thomas and Oregon State University and wish Dr. Thomas success as he puts National Science Foundation dollars to work in the coming years.

DEAUTHORIZING PORTION OF POTOMAC RIVER WATER PROJECT

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5545. H.R. 5545 would deauthorize one-half of the federal navigation project width of the Potomac River, Washington Channel, District of Columbia.

This change to the width of the navigation channel will enable Washington, DC to better develop and utilize the waterfront near this channel.

To ensure that this action will not affect public safety, Committee staff checked with the Coast Guard, Navy, and Corps of Engineers. None of these agencies oppose the deauthorization of the segment of channel.

I am unaware of any controversy concerning this legislation, and I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 5545.